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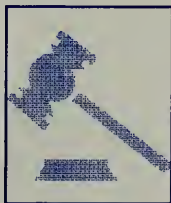
Not to worry. You have the right to postpone your juror service to another time to accommodate your busy schedule.

A few facts to know about jury duty.

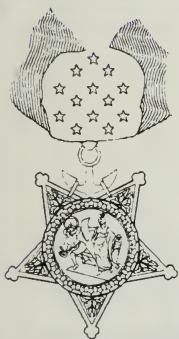
- ☞ You may postpone your service up to one year. If you are summonsed to serve during the school year, you may defer your service to another time of your choice.
- ☞ Our jury system is called the One-Day/One-Trial System. Jurors serve for one day or for the duration of one trial. About 95 percent of jurors complete their obligation in three days or less; about 85 percent of them fulfill their civic duty in one day.
- ☞ If you have a hardship in travelling to a courthouse, we will transfer your court location.
- ☞ If you believe your particular situation is not conducive to juror duty, you must appear for juror service. You will be provided with an opportunity to speak with a judge. Only a judge has the power to excuse jurors or modify the terms of juror service.
- ☞ Please note that college students fall into three categories of eligibility:
 - ① All students who inhabit a county in Massachusetts six months out of the year must serve as jurors. That means out-of-state residents, too.
 - ② All permanent Massachusetts residents who study out of state must serve as jurors when summonsed at their homes.
 - ③ Massachusetts residents who study in a county outside of their permanent residence must appear for jury duty when summonsed there. For example, a Boston resident who studies at Smith College in Northampton must appear for jury duty in Northampton if summonsed there.

If you have any questions about your jury duty, please contact us at our Juror Information Line. 1/800/THE/JURY (1/800/843-5879).

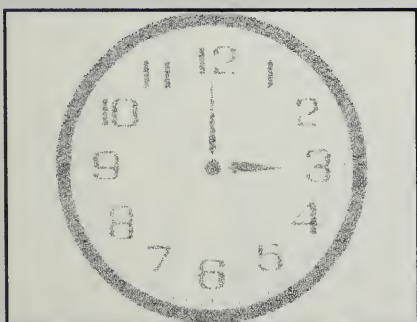
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**you can serve in the
military**



**you can attend high
school or college**



**AND you can serve JURY
DUTY!**



**Want to know some basic
facts about jury duty?**

Please read the inside page.